

HITCHCOCK REFUSES TO ON BENSON'S ARREST

Thinks Giving Information
Would Peril Case.

SURPRISE IN DEPARTMENT

Plan Is to Try Westerner Here Where
His Influence Is Less Than in
California.

Secretary Hitchcock, when seen this morning, refused to discuss the Benson arrest or give any information, on the ground that facts given at this time might injure the case against Benson by helping him to prepare his defense. Mr. Hitchcock did say that the land frauds are nothing like as extensive as they have been reported, and said the total amount involved would not come near the estimate of \$15,000,000, which has been made by some of those who have been watching the investigation.

When Mr. Hitchcock was asked why the arrest of Benson had been delayed so long he seemed surprised that it should be asked, and replied: "You have no right to ask that question." Absolutely no other information was volunteered.

The connection of Woodford D. Harlan with the case in connection with the mention of his name in the warrant as the man who accepted the alleged bribe from Benson, was a great surprise to the employees of the Land Office, who had always entertained the greatest respect for him. Mr. Harlan has been at work during the investigation, and was at his desk yesterday morning. Permission to see him was denied this morning, on the ground that the Land Office had nothing to do with the investigation, and an interview might conflict with the plans of the Secretary of the Interior.

Commissioner Richards, of the General Land Office, said the arrest was as much of a surprise to him as it was to the public, and he knew nothing beyond what was in the papers. The investigation has been conducted directly from the office of the Secretary, and the commissioner has had nothing to do with it.

A sensation which promises to be the first of several more, was caused yesterday when John A. Benson, a wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, was arrested for bribery as he was leaving the New Willard Hotel, for New York. The arrest was made by John A. Burns, Secret Service officer, who was made deputy marshal for the purpose.

It was predicted in The Times a few days ago that arrests for fraud in the land cases would shortly be made and that the disclosures would involve a number of employees of the General Land Office. These employees were accused of accepting bribes for giving advance notice to speculators of what lands were shortly to be made forest reserves. Benson's arrest was on the charge that he had accepted a bribe of \$5,000 from Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the inspection division of the General Land Office, \$500 for the information described in The Times.

Benson was taken before United States Commissioner Taylor, and after a long delay was released on \$5,000 bail. He will have a preliminary hearing on December 20. Arthur B. Pugh, who has been special agent for the Interior Department in making the investigations, and Oliver E. Pugh, assistant attorney in the Department of Justice, argued that bail should be placed at \$10,000. They said that in another case some years ago, when Benson was out on bonds, he left the country and did not come back for several years. Judge Cole, who represented Benson, declared that he should not be more than \$2,000, but the commissioner thought otherwise.

Hitchcock Is Indignant.

It is said the reason Benson was arrested so suddenly was because Secretary Hitchcock was violently indignant at his attempt to bribe a man in the General Land Office yesterday morning, although Benson knew that he was under investigation. The arrest of Benson given was that it was thought by arresting him in Washington troublesome questions of jurisdiction would be avoided. The Government officials also think they have a better chance of convicting him here than they would have in the far Western States where Benson is a power. Attorneys Pugh and Pugh, and Secret Service Officer Burns, who was especially detailed for the case.

So closely has the Interior Department kept all information about the investigation, that the arrest of Benson yesterday is taken as an indication the work of Attorneys Pugh and Pugh, and Secret Service Officer Burns, who was especially detailed for the case.

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Orders Issued Assigning Them to Different Subdivisions Throughout United States.

Staff officers have been assigned to the different departments of the army as follows:

Department of the East.
Adjutant general, Major Charles G. Starr, adjutant general's department; judge advocate, Capt. Grote Hutcheson, Sixth Cavalry, acting judge advocate (temporarily); chief quartermaster, Col. Joshua W. Jacobs, assistant quartermaster general; chief commissary, Lieut. Col. Edward E. Drave, subsistence department; chief surgeon, Col. William C. Gorga, assistant surgeon general; chief paymaster, Lieut. Col. Francis S. Dodge, pay department; ordnance officer, Lieut. Col. John E. Greer, ordnance department.

Department of the Gulf.
Adjutant general, Major Millard F. Waltz, adjutant general's department; judge advocate, Major Millard F. Waltz, adjutant general's department (temporarily); chief quartermaster, Lieut. Col. Samuel R. Jones, deputy quartermaster general; chief commissary, Lieut. Col. Henry B. Osgood, subsistence department; chief surgeon, Lieut. Col. Edwin F. Gardner, deputy surgeon general; chief paymaster, Capt. Manly B. Curry, pay department; ordnance officer, Major David A. Lytle, ordnance department.

Department of the Lakes.
Adjutant general, Major Hunter Liggett, adjutant general's department; judge advocate, Major Blanton Winslow, judge advocate general's department; chief quartermaster, Lieut. Col. W. H. Miller, deputy quartermaster general; chief commissary, Col. Frank E. Nye, subsistence department; chief surgeon, Col. Philip F. Harvey, assistant surgeon general; chief paymaster, Col. Albert S. Towser, pay department; ordnance officer, Col. John R. McGinness, ordnance department.

Department of the Missouri.
Adjutant general, Major Charles R. Noyes, Ninth Infantry; judge advocate, Capt. William G. Doane, acting judge advocate; chief quartermaster, Major J. Escott Sawyer, quartermaster's department; chief commissary, Major William H. Bean, subsistence department; chief surgeon, Col. Charles B. Byrne, assistant surgeon general; chief paymaster, Major John C. Muhlenberg, pay department.

Department of Dakota.
Adjutant general, Major Wilbur E. Wilder, adjutant general's department; judge advocate, Capt. Joseph W. Gildner, acting judge advocate; chief quartermaster, Lieut. Col. John McE. Hyde, deputy quartermaster general; chief commissary, Lieut. Col. James N. Allison, subsistence department; chief surgeon, Lieut. Col. George W. Adair, deputy surgeon general; chief paymaster, Major William W. Gilbert, pay department.

Department of California.
Adjutant general, Major John R. Williams, adjutant general's department; judge advocate, Major Henry M. Morrison, judge advocate general's department; chief quartermaster, Col. William S. Patten, assistant quartermaster general; chief commissary, Capt. George W.

BAKER WANTS TO PROVE HIS MORALS ARE BAD

Only Way by Which License Can Be
Refused for Saloon He Con-
tracted to Buy.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 19.—To save \$1,000 which he has paid as deposit on the Hines Tavern property in North Brunswick township, Philip Class has subpoenaed thirteen men to testify that he is not a person of good reputation and is unfit to keep a hotel or to have an inn and tavern license. This statement was made in court by Class' counsel.

Class is a baker, formerly living in Brooklyn. Some months ago he signed a contract to buy the Hines Tavern, an old established inn and tavern on the Franklin He park road, and paid \$1,000 deposit. The contract was contingent on his getting a license.

Now Class evoked. If the application is refused or revoked by the court it will free him from his contract. He repeatedly told his lawyers and wants to save his \$1,000 forfeit. It will be only by proving himself morally unfit to have a license that Class can have his license revoked.

SOUTHERN HUMORIST STRICKEN ON FERRYBOAT

S. T. Ford Had Been Billed as "Ameri-
ca's Greatest Delineator."

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—S. T. Ford, a Southern humorist, whose home is at 1604 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md., was prostrated on the Pennsylvania Railroad ferryboat Newark on an early afternoon trip from Twenty-third Street Thursday, and he died before the boat reached Jersey City.

In his pocket was found a railroad pass made out in the name of Abraham Lincoln Dryden, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at Baltimore, and a report was given out that the dead man was Mr. Dryden. Mr. Ford's identity was established by other papers, including a deposit book of the Garfield National Bank, Manhattan. The cause of death was given as apoplexy.

Mr. Ford was recently a guest of the Continental Hotel, this city, and had been billed as a "story teller, humorist, impersonator. America's greatest delineator." He had been recommended by Helen Gould for the excellence of a performance.

**STEAMER GOES AGROUND
OFF PORT OF GLASGOW**

GLASGOW, Dec. 19.—The steamer Rose, having on board a number of passengers and a large cargo, went aground yesterday morning between Greenock and this port. A dense fog prevailed at the time.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

FREE-HAND COMMENT ON MEN AND MANNERS

Oh, Mr. Smoot, of Mormondom.
And don't it make you quail.
To have so many women folk
A-camping on your trail?

So many angry women folk
Who urgently insist
That you're a frightful marrier,
A sad polygamist?

I ween you never, never more
Will take another wife,
You'll get enough of women now
To last you all your life!

So the Second Cavalry is off for the Philippines, and there are, doubtless, many young ladies in Washington today who are wearing a smile as the cheerful mask to cover an aching heart. For the Second Cavalry was seen much in Washington, and bright, brave, smart boys they are. A long trip is before them, and a long trip back, and they will see and experience enough during their absence to talk about all the rest of their lives. Pray heaven they all come back as well and strong as they went away, and with hearts true to the hearts that are true to them!

The proposed legislation for regulating the practice of dentistry in the District, is, or should be, a matter of very general interest. Here in America dentistry has risen to the rank of a learned profession, and people attend to their teeth as nowhere else in the world, unless we make the possible exception of Japan, where every one of the dockwalkers carry tooth brushes and boxes of powder in the bosoms of their rough shirts. In a land where dentists claim that they are something more than mere mechanics, or artisans, as they do here, they should be held up to some high standard. Even those who cater to the poorer classes and do not charge the highest prices, should be expected to do good, intelligent work, for poor dentistry is money wasted, no matter how little is paid.

The eagerness of the American citizens in the Isle of Pines to remain under the Stars and Stripes is an interesting fact. But then, they are away off down there, where they cannot hear Mr. Hoar and the other Democratic Senators. They haven't learned how bad we have actually become.

The publicity given to the shameful condition of our Whitechapel by the visit of Jacob Riis should not give rise to the belief that all classes in this town had been apathetic on the subject. The District Commissioners have frequently recommended legislation for the curing or abatement of the evil, and many of our citizens have done what they could. Mr. Riis' exposures, therefore, are welcomed in the light of very effective reinforcement. As he is the chief authority now living on slums, and how to remedy or destroy them, his remarks will carry a weight which no local agitation could have done. It is hard to see how, in decency, measures for cleaning up the fearful slums of the National Capital can be long delayed.

The Rev. Alexander B. Bowser, of Wilmington, Del., must be a relative of the original Mr. Bowser, of newspaper fame. He actually believes that Delaware should remove the beam out of its own eye, before joining in the hue and cry against Smoot. Just hear Mr. Bowser: "Addiction in Delaware is as bad as Mormonism in Utah. If Smoot can be excluded from the United States Senate, our Senators can be excluded also." Mr. Bowser is the advocate of a Utopian system of reform. He would have people begin on themselves first, which

they are always unwilling to do. Oh, no, Mr. Bowser, you mean all right, but we won't have you; we never would have you. The only way to reform the world is for us to reform each other. It is only on such terms that you can expect real enthusiasm from us.

How is it that one never hears of these opportunities to make a fortune till it is everlastingly too late? Here we are, all of us, drilling away at our daily tasks, when, by slipping down at our desks and buying up the personal effects of the late Mrs. Burratt, one could have cleaned up a year's income in a few minutes. Stuff that would fetch \$1,500 in Washington, they say, went for \$20! It's so much easier to make a living in ways like that, if one only had the wit. You make your haul for twelve months, you take things easy till the next chance comes along. That, in fact, is about the way some fellows do work it, but if we all knew how, there wouldn't be anybody to hew the wood and draw the water. We people who put in so many hours a day, we are useful citizens, the Atlases upon whose shoulders the world rests, after all.

So Senator Gorman was mistaken in his allegation that the Hon. Mr. Loomis' famous speech was delivered while he was "excited by wine." The Quill Club, of New York, it seems, is the cause of a new kind of wine, a wineless affair. They drink nothing at their dinners stronger than ginger ale and mild coffee. The Quill Club is an organization of writers, largely for the religious press. Mr. Loomis, therefore, has revealed the attributes of a real orator, of the sort that need no intoxication save their own eloquence.

The board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company voted to expend \$1,750,000 on improvements. With that sum they hope to give the city better service. The sum is a large one, but it doesn't seem adequate. From present conditions it looks as though about fourteen billion dollars would be required to get the beastly hells machines into any sort of shape.

They say it is bad luck to cut through a funeral cortege. Our fellow-citizens, William Newhall, proved the truth of the ancient belief a day or two ago, when he was hauled up before Judge Kimball and fined \$5 for cutting a funeral procession in two, and \$10 more for whizzing through it at an unseemly rate of speed.

We still maintain that this is a winter resort. It has been a trifle chilly here for the past few days, that is all, while the thermometer has been registering 15, 8, and 4 degrees below at other points where people are sufficiently misguided to reside. And ever now the weather man says that a warm wave is speeding this way.

WIFE OF ELIJAH III SETTLED A LANDLORD

Hotel Man Alarmed Over
Reports From America.

MRS. DOWIE STAGGERED HIM

Displayed an Amount of Money That
Dazzled Eyes of the Cannes
Proprietor.

CANNES, Dec. 19.—Mrs. John Alexander Dowie and her unkind son, Dr. Gladstone Dowie, have had a slight shock at the Hotel du Paradis. They are the wife and son of the prophet Elijah III, whose recent failure to evangelize New York in his own peculiar fashion was followed by bankruptcy proceedings against him and the appointment of a receiver for Zion, its factories and Dowie business generally.

Reports of this misfortune lost nothing in size in their journey across the ocean. The proprietor of the Hotel du Paradis heard them and became alarmed. He sent up a respectful petition to the handsome apartments occupied by Mrs. Dowie and her son, and begged to know when he might have the honor of waiting upon them.

An Anxious Proprietor.
"Let him come up now," Mrs. Dowie told the emissary.

In a few minutes M. le Patron arrived, full of polite bows and deprecatory smiles and conciliatory wavings of the arms, but with the cold and steady glance of him who is bound to get all that's coming to him or know the reason why. Madame would, he hoped, pardon the apprehension of one who had a most costly establishment to maintain; yet perhaps Madame had heard the reports of certain difficulties of a financial nature at Zion, and perhaps under all the circumstances—

"Have no fear," Mrs. Dowie interrupted the laborious oration of M. le Patron. "Have no fear. There is no financial difficulty. Look here."

The wife of the Prophet Elijah III displayed before the astonished Patron an amount of cash and securities that made his eyes goggle and his hands vibrate with delight.

The Apology Abjures.
He apologized. He bowed again, and again. He smiled deprecatingly some more and waved his arms most conciliatingly. But the cold and steady glance in his eyes now was "I know one who knows that a millionaire is a great, but is fully determined to earn it and collect it. He floated off backward on a choppy sea of polite bows."

The illustrious prophet's wife and son, dropped in at Monte Carlo the other day, but they did not play. They keep by themselves a great deal, and do not care to meet strangers. Various journalists have made efforts to interview them, but always without success. Mrs. Dowie's superb sables and exquisite new Parisian gowns are the envy of many more worldly women.

POPE SENDS BLESSING TO NEGRO CATHOLICS

Rector of Church of St. Benedict the Moor Received at Vatican.

ROME, Dec. 19.—The Rev. J. E. Burke, rector of the negro church of St. Benedict the Moor, New York, was received in private audience by the Pope yesterday. He was presented by Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American College. The Pontiff evinced great interest in Father Burke's account of his mission, and said: "Carry our love and apostolic blessing to the colored people."

HIGH CLASS DRUGGISTS AND - OTHERS.

The better class of druggists, everywhere, are men of scientific attainments and high integrity, who devote their lives to the welfare of their fellow men in supplying the best of remedies and purest medicinal agents of known value, in accordance with physicians' prescriptions and scientific formula. Druggists of the better class manufacture many excellent remedies, but always under original or official names and they never sell false brands, or imitation medicines. They are the men to deal with when in need of anything in their line, which usually includes all standard remedies and corresponding adjuncts of a first-class pharmacy and the finest and best of toilet articles and preparations and many useful accessories and remedial appliances. The earning of a fair living, with the satisfaction which arises from a knowledge of the benefits conferred upon their patrons and assistance to the medical profession, is usually their greatest reward for long years of study and many hours of daily toil. They all know that Syrup of Figs is an excellent laxative remedy and that it gives universal satisfaction, and therefore they are selling many millions of bottles annually to the well informed purchasers of the choicest remedies, and they always take pleasure in handing out the genuine article bearing the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package. They know that in cases of colds and headaches attended by biliousness and constipation and of weakness or torpidity of the liver and bowels, arising from irregular habits, indigestion, or over-eating, that there is no other remedy so pleasant, prompt and beneficial in its effects as Syrup of Figs, and they are glad to sell it because it gives universal satisfaction.

Owing to the excellence of Syrup of Figs, the universal satisfaction which it gives and the immense demand for it, imitations have been made, tried and condemned, but there are individual druggists to be found, here and there, who do not maintain the dignity and principles of the profession and whose greed gets the better of their judgment, and who do not hesitate to recommend and try to sell the imitations in order to make a larger profit. Such preparations sometimes have the name—"Syrup of Figs"—or "Fig Syrup"—and of some piratical concern, or fictitious fig syrup company, printed on the package, but they never have the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of the package. The imitations should be rejected because they are injurious to the system. In order to sell the imitations they find it necessary to resort to misrepresentation or deception, and whenever a dealer passes off on a customer a preparation under the name of "Syrup of Figs" or "Fig Syrup," which does not bear the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed on the front of the package, he is attempting to deceive and mislead the patron who has been so unfortunate as to enter his establishment, whether it be large or small, for if the dealer resorts to misrepresentation and deception in one case he will do so with other medicinal agents, and in the filling of physicians' prescriptions, and should be avoided by every one who values health and happiness. Knowing that the great majority of druggists are reliable, we supply the immense demand for our excellent remedy entirely through the druggists, of whom it may be purchased everywhere, in original packages only, at the regular price of fifty cents per bottle, but as exceptions exist it is necessary to inform the public of the facts, in order that all may decline or return any imitation which may be sold to them. If it does not bear the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package, do not hesitate to return the article and to demand the return of your money, and in future go to one of the better class of druggists who will sell you what you wish and the best of everything in his line at reasonable prices.

Beers the
Signature of
Charles H. Hitchcock